

REMARKS

By the present communication claims 1, 4-5, 8 and 10-21 are amended; claim 6 is canceled; and claims 22-25 are added. No new matter is added because the new and amended claim language is supported by the application as filed, including, but not limited to, original claims 1-21, page 7 (lines 26-28), and page 8 (lines 18-21). Applicants submit that the amended claims are entitled to a full range of equivalents and expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in a timely filed continuing application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 16-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hei *et al.* (U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 20030185902) but the Examiner only objected to claims 6 and 12-15 as depending from a rejected base claim. In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged the novelty and non-obviousness of the specific ratios and weight percentages recited in claims 6 and 12-15, and further indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.


By the present amendment, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 6 into independent claims 1 and 19, and canceled claim 6. Furthermore, claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 25. Thus, independent claims 1, 19 and 25 each contain subject matter which the Examiner indicated to be novel and nonobvious. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1, 19 and 25 as well as all claims depending therefrom are therefore novel and non-obvious. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-11, and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as well as withdrawal of claims, 12-15.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. If any issues remain to be addressed in view of the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to promptly advance prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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